RE. BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

Presonal explanation by Shri Paban Sing Ghatowar, Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Labour

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Now, the Deputy Minister of Labour wants to make a personal explanation and that will have precedence over other items of business.

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SING GHATOWAR): Madam, I would like to offer an explanation in response to the statement made by Shrimati Bijoya Chakravarty in this august House on the 26th August, 1991 regarding the law and order situation in Assam and making a reference to a letter of Shri Hiteswar Saikia, Chief Minister of Assam, supposed to have been written to a certain Union Minister, which allegedly discloses certain facts relating to the assistance being given to the so-called Jatiya Mukti Bahini.

Madam, I would like to inform the august House that no such letter, as purported in the statement, has been received by me from the Chief Minister of Assam. In fact, this matter also came to the notice of the Chief Minister of Assam who had a Press release issued on the 24th August, 1991. The Chief Minister has categorically stated that no such letter was written by him and the signature appearing in the letter is also forged... *(Interruptions)*...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: He is making a personal explanation and there should be no interruption at all.

SHRI PABAN SING GHATOWAR: The letter is a total fabrication manufactured with the twin objectives of maligning Mr. Saikia and our party and also of causing personal harm to me.

I would like to reaffirm categorically what the Chief Minister has stated. No letter as alleged has been received by me from the Chief Minister of Assam and there is no truth whatsoever in the allegations made to this effect by the honourable Member. While making this clarification, I would also like to tell the Member of this august House that it would always be fair if the honourable Member had verified the authenticity of any letter in circulation before making any allegation on the floor of this august House. It is our bounden duty to discourage rumour-mongering and misrepresentation of facts.

SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY (Assam): Madam,... *(Interruptions)*...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Nothing on this matter, Mrs. Chakravarty. Please go back to your seat... *(Interruptions)*...

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA (Bihar): Madam, I am on a point of order... *(Interruptions)*...

SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Madam... *(Interruptions)*...

THE DEPUT CHAIRMAN: No. Please go back to your seat... *(Interruptions)*... Nothing of what you say will go on record on this matter... *(Interruptions)*... Nothing of what you say will go on record... *(Interruptions)*... Please go back to your seat... *(Interruptions)*...

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Madam, I am on a point of order. *(Interruptions)*.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Mrs. Chakravarty, Please go back to your seat. Nothing will go on record on this matter. I am not permitting you. Please go back to your seat. *(Interruptions)*. Whatever Mrs. Chakravarty is saying will not go on record.

SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY:**

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Nothing is going on record. That matter is closed for me. If you know the rules, on a personal explanation, there is no discussion. Please go back to your seat. *(Interruptions)*

**Not recorded.

SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM (Andhra Pradesh): Madam, may I make a submission?

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Just a minute. Mrs. Chakravarty, you read Rule 241 and then speak. (*Interruptions*) I want to announce in the House that according to Rule 241, no discussion can take place on a personal explanation. I am not allowing anything on that matter and that is closed. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI (Maharashtra): Madam...

SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Madam, yesterday... (*Interruptions*)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I cannot understand. If everybody speaks, I cannot understand, I cannot follow.

SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY (Uttar Pradesh): Madam, the Supreme Court has given a judgement on Bofors... (*Interruptions*)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Let me announce something. (*Interruptions*) Chairman has given permission to Mr. Upendra to mention some issue on Bofors. I will allow him. But not like this. (*Interruptions*) Mr. Upendra and Mr. Gurupadaswamy.

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATRAJAN (Tamil Nadu): Madam, allow us also afterwards.

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: Madam... (*Interruptions*)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Mrs. Chakravarty, that Assam matter is closed. Please do not try to say anything because it would not go on record. I am not going to change my ruling. I am not permitting anything to go on record.

SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY:**

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Mrs. Chakravarty, if you understand my language, I very clearly tell you that according to the rules, I am not permitting any discussion on that. Please sit down. (*Interruptions*) I am not permitting you. Please don't argue. (*Interruptions*)

SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY:**

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: What Mrs. Bijoya Chakravarty is speaking, will not go on record, because I have not permitted her. (*Interruptions*) Please sit down.

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: Madam... (*Interruptions*)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Just a minute, Appa Saheb... (*Interruptions*)

SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY:** (*Interruptions*)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Anything you speak will not go on record, because I have explained, according to the Rules, I am not permitting. You may be from anywhere. (*Interruptions*) I am not permitting you.

SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY:**

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: You may walk out. You may do, what you like.

(*At this stage, the hon Member left the Chamber*)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: You may do whatever you like. There are certain rules you have to follow. (*Interruptions*)

Now you are in peace. Mr. Kulkarni.

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